



## **How the Democrats stopped true Election Reform**

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### **Election Reform Amendments**

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- **Makes all county auditors elected officials (S-2575.1 by Sen. Roach)**
  - Goal: Fix King County's election problems
  - The people said they wanted accountability, but the Democrats said no.
- **Prohibits ballot enhancement and requires that voters must correctly vote in order for it to count (S-2568.1 by Sen. Morton)**
  - Goal: Stop having other people change a person's ballot
  - The people said they wanted each ballot to be treated equally, but the Democrats said no.
- **Requires teaching important election information in high school (S-2581.1 by Sen. Roach)**
  - Goal: Voter education will help solve issues dealing with voters filling out ballots
  - The people wanted educated voters, but the Democrats said no.
- **Codifies provisional ballot laws (S-2574.1 by Sen. Mulliken)**
  - Goal: Uniform handling of provisional ballots
  - The people wanted all the ballots to be treated the same, but the Democrats said no.
- **Creates voter vault verification technicians to randomly investigate voter registration rolls (S-2579.1 by Sen. McCaslin)**
  - Goal: Keep the voter registration rolls clean
  - The people wanted clean rolls, and the Democrats agreed with the Republican amendment.
- **Requires proof of citizenship when registering to vote (S-2577.1 by Sen. Carrell)**
  - Goal: Only U.S. citizens should be on voter registration rolls.
  - The people wanted surety that only citizens voted, but the Democrats said no.
- **Adds a security flap on absentee ballots (S-2576.1 by Sen. Roach)**
  - Goal: Keep information secure
  - The people wanted to prevent ID theft, and the Democrats agreed with the Republican amendment.

- **Adds a voter abstention check box when voting (S-2582.1 by Sen. Stevens)**
  - Goal: Clarify when a person abstains from voting and prevent fraud
  - The people wanted confidence in the system and only proper votes would be counted, but the Democrats said no.
- **Requires county auditor to keep a list of private mailbox businesses and cross check registrations against list (S-2578.1 by Sen. Benton)**
  - Goal: Stop people from voting more than once
  - The people wanted one person-one vote, but the Democrats said no.
- **Makes provisional ballot voters not matter of public record; allows county election officials to contact voter to correct rejected ballot; prohibits vote shopping by third parties (S-2583.1 by Sen. Schoesler)**
  - Goal: Ensure provisional ballots are processed the same way and to stop third party vote shopping
  - The people wanted to restore public trust by preventing other groups from interfering with the election process, but the Democrats said no.
- **Eliminates requirement that a person challenging a voter's registration provide the address at which the challenged voter actually resides (S-2566.1 by Sen. Benton)**
  - Goal: Stop people from voting more than once
  - The people wanted one person-one vote, but the Democrats said no.
- **Requires that provisional ballots & envelopes are colored differently or bar coded differently (S-2567.1 by Sen. Mulliken)**
  - Goal: Have the provisional ballots visually different – color or barcode
  - The people wanted to modify provisional ballot law to ensure provisional ballots are only counted if verified, and the Democrats agreed with the Republican amendment.
- **Requires monthly voter list maintenance/removal by Secretary of State (S-2580.1 by Sen. Benton)**
  - Goal: Keep the voter registration rolls clean
  - The people wanted felons, deceased and non-citizens off of the voter rolls, but the Democrats said no.
- **Moves candidate filing period back to week before fourth of July (S-2572.1 by Sen. Schoesler)**
  - Goal: Help overseas military personnel receive their ballot in a timely manner
  - The people wanted to make sure the military had an opportunity to vote, and the Democrats agreed with the Republican amendment.

- **Allows military voters to have commanding officer attest that the ballot was late and if returned it will still be counted if certification hasn't happened (S-2573.1 by Sen. Roach)**
  - Goal: Help overseas military personnel who receive their ballot late still have the opportunity to vote
  - The people wanted to make sure the military had an opportunity to vote, and the Democrats agreed with the Republican amendment.
- **Requires current and valid photo identification (AMS ROAC GORR 006 by Sen. Roach)**
  - Goal: Only allow photo ID to be used at the polls for identification
  - The people wanted to require photo identification at poll sites, but the Democrats said no.
- **Requires a full reconciliation of votes to voters (S-2571.1 by Sen. Benton)**
  - Goal: Stop voting irregularities by reconciling the differences and investigating any discrepancies.
  - The people wanted improvement on ballot irregularity and confidence that fraud was not committed, but the Democrats said no.
- **Requires motor vehicle licensing agents to ask voter registrants if he/she is 18 and a citizen (S-2569.1 by Sen. Roach)**
  - Goal: Improve voter registration
  - The people wanted to have more accurate voter registration records to reduce fraud and duplicate registrations, and the Democrats agreed with the Republican amendment.

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